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SUBJECT: THIEU OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR REELECTION

1. AT SPECIALLY CONVENED PRESS BRIEFING JULY 24, GVN SPOKESMAN READ FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT (TEXT IS GVN'S ENGLISH VERSION AS DISTRIBUTED TO CORRESPONDENTS): QUOTE MY DEAR FELLOWMEN, COMBATTANTS AND CADRES, TODAY I SOLEMNLY ANNOUNCE TO ALL OF YOU THE FOLLOWING: REALIZING THAT I STILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THE FATHERLAND AND THE PEOPLE, I HAVE DECIDED TO BE A CANDIDATE AGAIN FOR THE SECOND TERM OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. SENATOR TRAN VAN HUONG, FORMER PRIME MINISTER, IS ON MY TICKET AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR THIS COMING ELECTION. THANK YOU AND GREETINGS TO ALL OF YOU. SAIGON, JULY 23, 1971, SIGNED NGUYEN-VAN-THIEU, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. UNQUOTE

2. IN REPLY TO A REPORTER'S QUESTION, THE GVN SPOKESMAN SAID

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